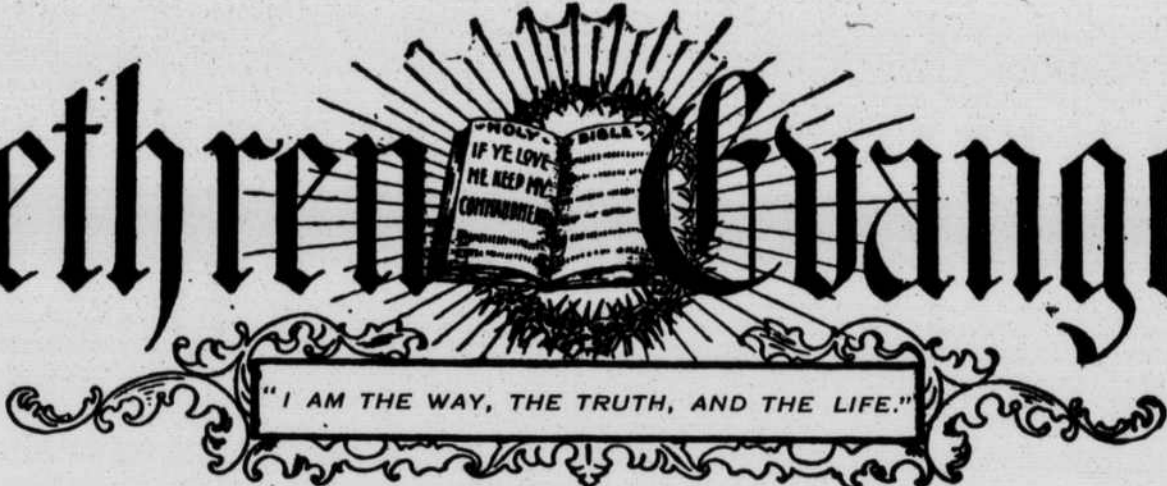


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Editorial.

THE price of the EVANGELIST from now to the end of the year is forty cents.

IF you are in need of any more blank credentials than have been mailed you write to this office for them and they will be promptly sent.

A saved, redeemed, consecrated, spirit filled Christian life is an unanswerable argument against the champion of infidelity no matter how much of an intellectual giant he may be.

IF you are about to hold communion services send for our tract prepared for this special service. It is printed on good writing paper, with space to write the date and place of meeting; contains a large number of references touching this important service, systematically arranged. Every pastor should have one of these tracts for each of his members. Sample dozen ten cents. Per hundred fifty cents.

THE latest addition to our list of tracts is No. 17, entitled, "A Book of Three Leaves." It is a small leaflet and is included in our list of numbered tracts, a sample package of which is sent for ten cents. The tract tells the story of a man who carried with him a book of three leaves which he said told the story of his life tho not a word was written on either page. Price, sample dozen five cents. Per hundred, fifteen cents.

THE question is often asked whether the ordinances, such as footwashing, the Lord's supper and the communion are essential to our salvation. To our mind the question is not pertinent, for these ordinances were never intended to save people; they were instituted for people who *are* saved, and not for the unsaved. Unless you are a saved man or woman you are out of place at the communion table, and if you go there with the hope of being saved by engaging in them you will

bring the greater condemnation upon yourself. No one has ever been saved by the observance of the ordinances of footwashing, the Lord's supper and the communion, but thousands have been kept saved by continuing in these blessed doctrines of the Lord. They are means of grace for the spiritually saved.

WE call special attention to our premium offer on page 16. This is the last time the notice will appear and if you wish to take advantage of this very liberal offer do so now. It will be open to all during the month of August but will then positively close. Beginning with September 1 the offer will be withdrawn. Five standard books and the EVANGELIST for one year for one dollar. Can you afford to miss it?

A SISTER from Lanark, Ill., writes for a sample package of tracts from which to make a selection for free distribution. She is on the "Literature Committee" but whether of the K. C. or church we do not know nor does it matter, it shows that the church is well organized for systematic work and that the leaders appreciate the value of tracts. Such a committee should exist in every congregation. Here is a wide field open for the young people. It is a work in which each one can engage and in which even the little folks can do great things.

THE Jews desiring a temporal king who would deliver them from the Roman yoke, interpreted all prophecies to look toward such a triumphant king, and thus overlooked the plain prophecies of the Old Testament touching the suffering Messiah. Their eyes were blinded to anything but the coming of a Messiah who would also reign as a temporal king. We need to guard carefully against the prejudice which leads us to read the Bible in this one-sided way, for we are in danger of losing this greatest blessing of the gospel no less than were the Jews. In our zeal for the doctrines which are peculiar to us

there is danger of neglecting the weightier matters of the gospel.

THE new tract entitled, "The Gospel of Giving" is now in press and will be ready for the market in eight or ten days. This is a much needed tract, for if there is any one part of the gospel which has been too largely overlooked it is the *giving* part. In our zeal for the doctrines peculiar to the Brethren church we have failed to emphasize the gospel of giving. Perhaps we have not made too much of these doctrines but certain it is that we have made entirely too little of the gospel of giving. This therefore is a timely tract, bringing out prominently and emphasizing a much neglected portion of the gospel. Further announcements when ready.

THE best evidence that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation is a consistent, consecrated life. Again and again the power of the gospel is demonstrated in a life rescued as it were from the very jaws of hell. Whatever may be said of the social reforms and other attempts to save men and women from their wretched condition, this one thing remains forever true, the gospel of Jesus Christ is the only regenerating, life-giving, saving principle known among men to-day, and if ever men are to be saved it must be by the power of the gospel for there is salvation in no other name known among men save the name of Jesus.

DOES it pay to distribute tracts? The following story answers the question: A lady was filling a mission box for India, when a child brought her a tract and put it in the box. The tract was afterward given to a Burman chief and it led him to Christ. The chief told the story of his new God and great happiness to his friends. They also were led to believe and cast away their idols. A church was built in the neighborhood and a missionary was sent for. Fifteen hundred converted from heathenism was the result of the little tract. Did it pay? That small act by